

STATE AND COMMUNITY HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANTS							
Year	1997(ISTEA)	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Authorization	\$140.2M	\$149.7M	\$150M	\$152.8M	\$155M	\$160M	\$165M

Program Purpose

Section 2001 of TEA-21 reauthorizes the State and Community Highway Safety formula grant program (Section 402 of chapter 4 of Title 23) to support State highway safety programs, designed to reduce traffic crashes and resulting deaths, injuries, and property damage. A state may use these grant funds only for highway safety purposes; at least 40 percent of these funds are to be used to address local traffic safety problems.

Eligibility

A State is eligible for these formula grants by submitting a Performance Plan, which establishes goals and performance measures to improve highway safety in the State, and a Highway Safety Plan, which describes activities to achieve those goals. TEA-21 revises the periodic rulemaking process used to determine national priority program areas, from one requiring States to direct resources to fixed program areas identified by the rulemaking, to one directing that the States consider such highly effective programs when developing their State highway safety program plans.

For purposes of this section, those jurisdictions defined as "States" in chapter 4 of Title 23 are eligible to receive Section 405 funds; this includes the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Formula

The Section 402 formula is:

- 75 percent based on the ratio of the State's population in the latest Federal census to the total population in all States.
- 25 percent based on the ratio of the public road miles in the State to the total public road miles in all States.

The apportionment to each State is no less than one-half of one percent of the total 402 apportionment. Beginning in FY 1998, the apportionment to the Bureau of Indian Affairs is increased from one-half of one percent to no less than three-quarters of one percent. The apportionment to the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is no less than one-quarter of one percent.

Funding

Authorizes \$932.5 million over 6 years.

Program Administration

This program will be administered by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.